

# THE DARENTH SENIORS

## Minutes of Committee Meeting(DarCom 01) (Rev00), held in the Club House on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018

The meeting opened at 2.02pm

Present were: Trevor Harvey, John Rampling, Paul Braithwaite, Duncan Lipscombe, David Vidgeon, Jim Connor, Bob Spillane, David Watts, Niall Maxwell, Bernie Deacon and David Long

Apologies for Absence: There were no absences.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Captain's Report as appended.

Matters Arising: JC queried amount of monies paid to winner of 'guess the distance of Captain's drive'. Agreed that prize paid was rather large, and David L admitted, with hindsight, that maybe he should have had a smaller prize for the nearest misses. Would endeavour for next year to rectify.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Reported a balance in hand of £1,950; Balance sheet as appended. Reported that because of the deferred liability attaching to VAT, thinks we will have to move to a balance sheet format for report from the previous I&E format. Duncan added that a total of around £4,500 had been raised during his Captaincy for the Marjorie McClure School.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended. Agreed that we wouldn't expect Bridget to be invited on a gratis basis. Also that invitations be sent to all past BHS members, and guests. A gluten-free option to the menu was requested.

ALMONER'S REPORT: Reported that most of the people on the Lamé Ducks are on the mend. David Vidgeon was recovering fine and was in attendance with us. Bob Williamson was expected to be driving next week, and an update was given on Ken Coulston regarding his chemo-therapy. Ron Mead was progressing well, but a much-needed operation on his arm couldn't proceed due to his heart condition. Captain requested that our thoughts be passed on, and to ask if there was anything that we could do.

COMPETITION & HANDICAP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Obviously, been on back foot following his operation trying to keep in touch with what's going on. There had been problems with CDH numbers which were being overcome, and gave thanks to all those who have worked on his behalf behind the scenes. Attendance numbers have been pretty good, averaging nearly 30. He was approached by Alan Jepson and Brian Simms recently re Associates playing on Qualifier days. Our stance was reiterated that Associates can play on Qualifier days, but were barred from entering on Trophy game days. He suggested populating our noticeboard with a 'best card', to which Committee were favourable. Paul had passed on the old BH touch screen to TD Management, to be installed to the benefit of the whole club.

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT: Played just one match so far, against Parkwood, which was halved at 370 points each. This was a good result considering we didn't have the same pool of players as before. Our next match was at Birchwood, who had queried the size of team we were fielding, as it seems they sometimes have trouble raising a 12-man team. For our following match after that, at Cherry Lodge, we were still one man short. Had agreed with TD Management to a price of £16 for our lunches.

### TOPICS

a) Adoption of Guidance Notes: (JC) – Basically the GN are 'owned' by the Committee. Minor changes had been made from BHS version include: Competition Secretary is now Competition and Handicap Secretary; the number of Major competitions had gone up to 15 (three extra); but the big issue was 'Visitors and Guests'. The question of temporary membership fee was bandied around, but was decided to be more

trouble than worth to collect in, and decided that any TD member wishing to 'try us out' do so simply by paying the day's competition entry fee (£2 currently). JC to take cognisance and make necessary adjustments. Thanks given to Jim for his work. It was pointed out that owner Jason had issues with non-Seniors utilising Seniors' time slots. This issue to be looked into.

- b) Captain's Day: (BD) produced the 'Broke Hill Bell' which had been acquired, and refurbished by John Rampling, for contesting on Captain's Day as The Captain's Bell. There will be another trophy for a Scratch Prize. On the day he proposed to have a prize on every hole on a handicap banded basis. Entry fee on the day to be £5 (at least?).
- c) Matchplay entry fees: Secretary stated he had anticipated this issue being raised at the AGM, and felt it needed some ratification. It was decided, that as no member had raised the issue, the matchplays entry fees would be free of charge.
- d) Purchase of monthly medals: Secretary pointed out that a couple of times last year, the £10 to cover that month's medal was forgotten to be taken out of the entry fees money. He proposed that purchase of the medals be covered out of General Funds. Discussion concluded with Committee in agreement.
- e) Team Strip colour: (PB) – We had been going round in circles, and now time to go ahead and do it. It was favoured by some to have a grey top and charcoal grey jumper. In conclusion Committee were in agreement, and Paul was to approach TD Management in regard to getting these items (as appended) costed.
- f) Section tie: David L presented Committee with a visual of a tie design. This incorporated vaguely the colours of the old BHS tie. Committee were principally in approval but wished for one of the coloured stripes to be grey to reflect the corporate colour of The Darenth. DL to revisit and tweak the design.
- g) Trophy Cabinet: (DL) – We need to have our trophies displayed. At the moment they are hidden away in his loft. Jeremy Coyle had been approached with a view to building a cabinet, which he is willing to undertake. Enquiries need to be made into plans for a proposed refurbishment of the foyer into the changing rooms. Following discussion, it was decided for PB to approach TD Management to ascertain the timescale of renovation, and discuss planning requirements for the cabinet (colour/wood to be used etc).

AOB: There was none.

The Date of next meeting will be on 7th June 2018, at the Club House.

The meeting closed at 3.42pm

XX Captain signs here XX

# The Darenth Seniors

## Captain's Report 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018

As I have only been Captain for two weeks there isn't much to report on!!

I was extremely happy with the turn out for my Drive In and I really appreciate the support shown by the whole section. My special thanks to David Long for all his hard work which resulted in a splendid £75 going towards my Charity Fund. My Drive went 206 yards to the right of the fairway and resulted in a win for Tony Haylock. Thank you to everyone who took part in the day's activities and for making it a success.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April saw our first home match here at The Darenth against Parkwood in the first leg of the Broken Wood Trophy. Not wishing to steal Trevor's thunder but what a remarkable result!! For two teams with that number of participants to end up with exactly the same total points is nothing short of incredible!!

I am please to be able to say we have been lucky with the weather on our last two meeting and long may it continue.

Bernie Deacon  
Seniors Captain 2018

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT: DarCom01**

It has been a fraught and enlightening time in the build-up to our becoming a 'proper' club at The Darenth. At long last we have affiliation completed with the KGU and EGU, and a couple of weeks ago, the long-awaited HandicapMaster came on stream. No doubt David V may well have some more to say on this.

Our membership total stands at 50.

The six-monthly fixtures list has been published, and most copies handed out.

The question of what was the Broke Hill Seniors Classic being revived at The Darenth was investigated, and a straw poll held among the past years' participants. However despite a favourable return, it was felt that with limitations put on the event this year was not the time to revive the event. Maybe some time in the future this could be looked into again.

As you should be aware, as *some* of you have even responded to my email requesting everyone's consent for their details to be retained on a database. This was instigated following emails I received from certain organisations for my permission to be on their database. It transpires that a new EU regulation is about to come into force making it a case that those on a database have to 'opt in' rather than 'tick box' out. I found it very difficult to ascertain whether it was necessary for us to go down this route with our miniscule database, but felt it better safe than sorry to comply. Along with the call to our own members I have also sent out a similar request to 'past' members.

Yesterday I made my way to Top Awards in Orpington to get the Captains' Bell engraved and to order our summer monthly medals. Upon arrival I found an almost empty shop. A long-term illness for owner Tony, exacerbated by the premises almost being demolished by a stolen van has resulted in the business closing down. I have since sourced an alternative supplier/engraver in Pantiles Trophies, situate in Bexleyheath. I don't expect the same level of service, as Paul from Top Awards used to drop the monthly medals off to my front door on his way home. I did ask the guy in Pantiles where he lived, but the answer wasn't as I hoped.

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## I&E Statement for DarCom01

£1,000 Bursery  
£1,632 Membership Fees  
£2,662 Total Receipts

£ 10 Stationery  
£ 10 Total Expenses

£2,652 Net

Income includes:

£ 558 Golf Union Fees  
£ 112 VAT on GU fees  
£ 32 Overpayments by members  
£ 702 Total Refundable / payable

£1,950 Net section funds at present

There are outstanding payments due to:

£45+/- Dave Vidgeon for PC stuff. (Receipt is in my filing somewhere)  
£45 Bernie D re Broke Hill Bell trophy refurbishment  
£40 Dave L Website costs

Not included in income above are cheques to be banked:

£53.10 Brian Jones  
£30 Tony Haylock  
£53.10 Barry Lowe

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## Social Secretary's Report

Committee Meeting (Darcom 01)

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### The Darenth's first "Senior's Captains Charity Summer Dinner" Update & Timings

Confirmed with Terry (Hewlett) the "Senior's Captains Charity Summer Dinner" scheduled for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm for 7:30 start is booked (thanks Dave L).

The evening cost will be kept at £30 per person – just!

The cost of the meal is £29 per person and will include a free complimentary drink on arrival plus after meal tea and coffee. Any additional drink will need to be paid by members at the bar.

Menu selection of the 3 course meal will consist of two choices with one being suitable for vegetarian's and will be known at a later date.

Notice of Dinner, including menu and sign-up sheets will be published / presented to membership via notice board and Web Site: scheduled for Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 – 6 weeks in advanced

- Liaise with Dave (Long) regarding invites to Widows, and former Seniors attending via email.
- Liaise with Don (Braithwaite) regarding invite to Bridget O'Donnell – **do we want to continue with this invitation?**
- Any other invites to be considered? As there is room should we extend invites to include extra guests to members
- Call for raffle prizes: scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> June - 4 weeks in advance.

Others considerations:

- Photo's: Speak to Don (Braithwaite)
- Raffle: Speak to Ray (Watley) to ascertain his willingness to continue handling the raffle etc. on the night.
- Flowers for Senior's Captains good lady.
- Speaker system and mic. Could use the club's system as seems good.
- Tbc: Awarding of Presidents Cup from the Medal Competition held earlier (depending winner attending).

## Seniors Section Colours

### **Shirts**

Heather Grey (Traditional) Style #91795



### **V-Neck Pullovers in Lambswool**

Heather Charcoal (Traditional) Style #95372



### **½ Zip Pullovers in Lambswool**

Heather Charcoal (Traditional) Style #95427



### **V-Neck Slip Overs**

Black (Traditional) Style #95380

